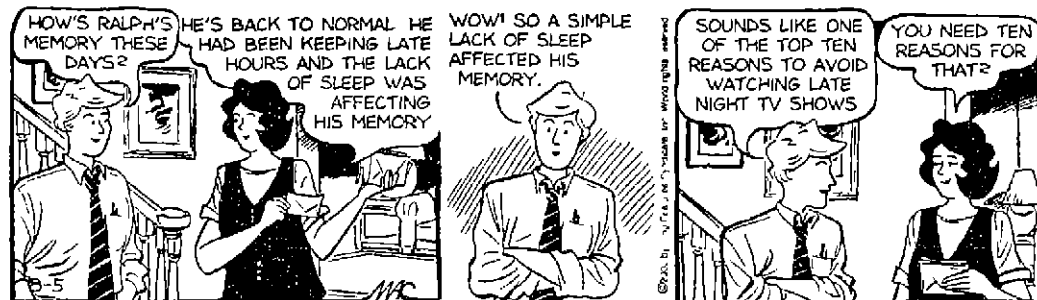


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



JUMP START



ROSE IS ROSE



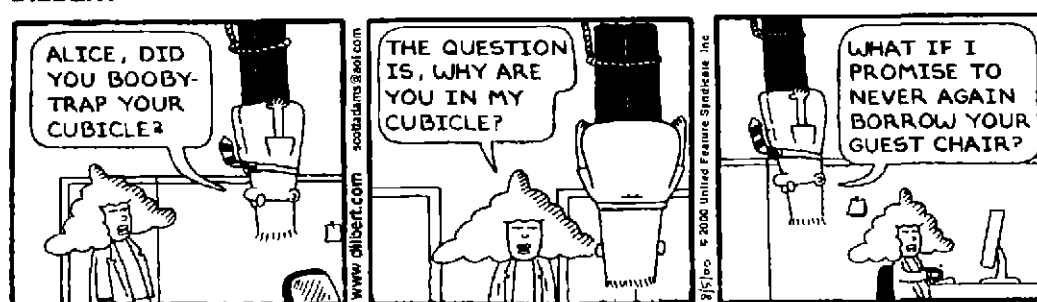
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



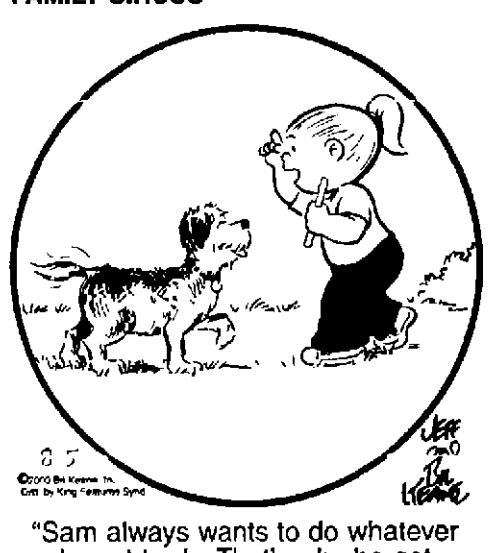
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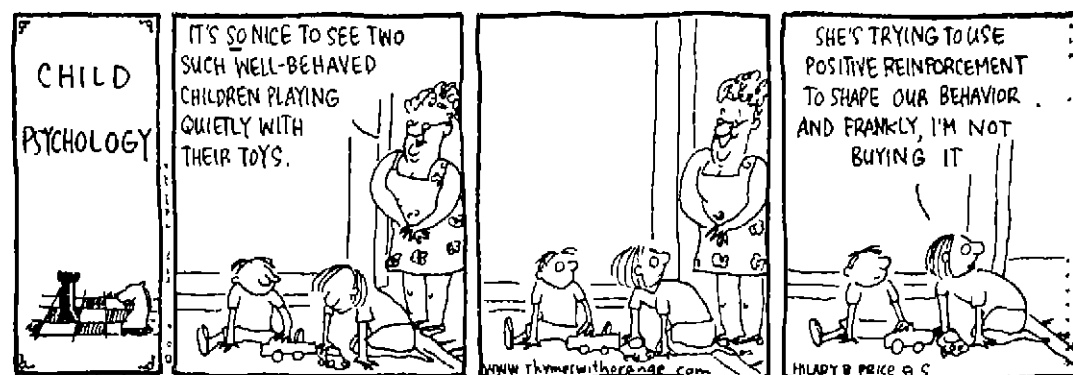
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



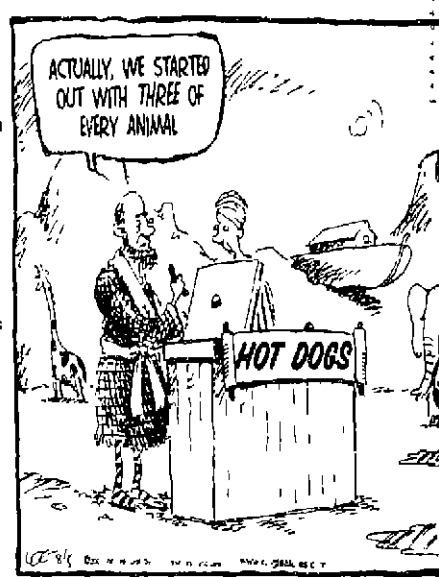
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former astronaut **Nell A. Armstrong** is 70 Country singer **Vern Gosdin** is 66 Actress **Cammie King** ('Gone with the Wind') is 66 Actor **John Saxon** is 65 Actor **Zakes Mokae** is 65 Country songwriter **Bobby Braddock** is 60 Country singer **Sammi Smith** is 57 Actress **Loni Anderson** is 54 Actress **Erika Szlezak** is 54 Rock singer **Rick Derringer** is 53 Actress **Holly Palance** is 50

I NEED HELP



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Y A W S N A A T R O L E Word Set 1

R E O D W D C 5th Letter T pic

M U S I T O A 1

E U H H C T U Double Word Score

PAR SCORE 130-140 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Cramers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 8-500

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WORD SLEUTH

PANS

O H E C Z X U S Q N L J G E C
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Y A A A X W J S U T F S I Q U
P N N N A P I A G O O G O O M

Friday's unlisted clue: CURRY
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue: TINKER BELL'S FRIEND
Cake pan, Dussan, Moo goo gai pan, Sampan, Deadpan, Frying pan, Muffin pan, Saucepan, Oshpan, Hardpan, Oil pan, Taipan, Dnp pan, Japan, Sapan

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Aug. 6

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Using your wiles will mean that you'll win only a bitter victory.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The element of surprise will work in your favor, and you will be able to pull out all the stops.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't let work demands stress you out.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel in need of some private time, so rearrange your social plans.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) If you are too self-focused, you might unknowingly hurt someone very special.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You will form a powerful alliance with someone who shares your vision.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The flames of passion have been fanned, and a delightful encounter is in the offing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Others will respond positively to your frankness.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The good news is that there's a certain nobility to your current outcast state.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) People are strongly attracted to that intangible charm you possess in spades.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Do your best to remain cheerful in the face of what seems like a very grim trend.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Adversity will arise in business and love.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his diamond five to East's ace, and East carefully returned the eight. South's queen went to West's king, and West led a third diamond, which was ruffed by South. Placing all his bets on a heavy favorite in trumps, South crossed to dummy's heart king and led a trump to his queen. This lost to West's king, and West exited in hearts, dummy's ace winning. South tried another trump from dummy. When East followed low, South finessed again. This time, West won his jack, and the game fell out of reach. There was still the matter of a club finesse to avert a two-trick set. When it worked, South escaped with "only" one down. North's advice was solid. He suggested South take the club finesse before making any decision in trumps. If the club finesse lost, South would have to play for no trump losers. In that case, finessing the queen and cashing the ace would be best. When the club finesse wins, South has other options. To give himself the best chance of avoiding two trump losers, he cashes his ace first. When West's jack drops, South can safely concede a trump loser, holding his losses to only one trump and two diamonds.

NORTH ♠ 4 5
♥ A K 9
♦ 10 4 3
♣ A Q 5 4

WEST ♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ K 9 6 5 2
♦ K 7

EAST ♠ 7 1
♥ Q 1 1 2
♦ A J 8
♣ J 10 8 3

SOUTH ♠ A Q 10 8 6 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 7
♣ 9 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North
The bidding:
North: 1 NT
East: Pass
South: 3 NT
West: Pass
All pass.

Opening lead: Diamond five

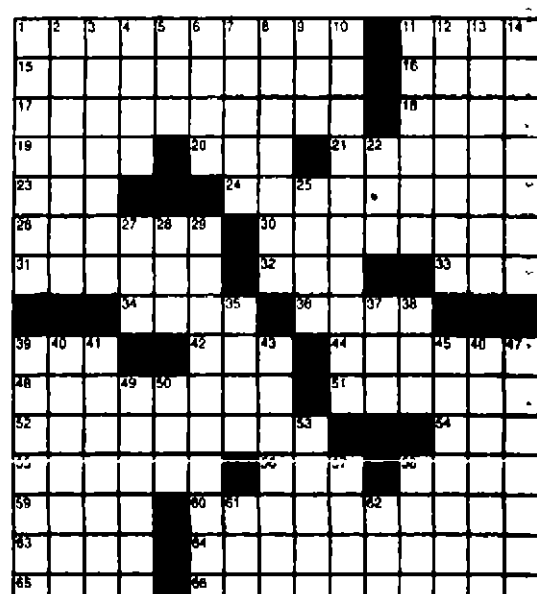
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0624

- ACROSS**
- 1 Permits passage, perhaps
11 Time of a famous dispatch
15 Bills
16 Custom officer's cry
17 Better
18 Stoic philosopher
19 Basket alternative
20 Band with the album "Monster"
21 Singer Artis Ivey, familiarly
23 Physics class topic
24 Tape, say
26 Photocopied
- 30 It may follow one's convictions
31 Act starter
32 Not get used
33 Fast cars
34 "Mystery Date" actress ____ Polo
36 Innocent
39 Prefix with centenary
42 1980's program Abbr.
44 Early Bird was the first one
48 Rating range
51 Long-tailed finch
52 Desolation
54 Catch-22 plot
55 Mezzo Berganza
56 Hikes
- DOWN**
- 1 Thumbs sink them
2 Fort Lauderdale suburb
3 Table centerpiece
4 Ramage
5 Indian name starter
6 Picasso's love
7 More likely to enupl
8 Chaotic
9 PD figure
10 Speaker's asset
11 Needing to be cracked?
12 Casino activity
13 Like ground sloths
14 Old comics
22 Bit for the silent butler
25 Overlay with wood or plaster
27 Peter Jennings's birthplace Abbr.
28 Toll

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PIRATESHIP REID
ONETOOMANY ANNA
RECONSIDER SLIM
CROWE LADE PATS
ITIN REGIS BRIE
NIL CAROS LEGAL
EASTER LAUREL
AREA ENGR
ASTERH KEYPAD
ANYES TECHS ACE
STAR TUNAS PREP
SENT AGAR LATTE
INDO COMMISSION
SNIT INEEDAHAND
TANS TELLSTALES



Puzzle by Henry Jones

- 29 Peter, Paul and Mary
35 Starting point for Pasteur
37 Barn sound
38 Upscale wheels
39 Fiesta fare
40 Join redundantly
41 Hit, in a way
43 John Hancock, e.g.
45 Shmnp
- 46 Does an aquarium job
47 Least long
49 Compact
50 Accepts
53 Place for a final
57 Sound amount
- 58 Boba ____ of "Star Wars"
61 Fight coordinators Abbr.
62 Miller's lover in "Henry & June"

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